(c) Yes, Sir. The main reason was that the dealer in France went bankrupt.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Private Companies showing interest in Doordarshan

*74. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indian and foreign-based companies have evinced interest in Government's offer of privatisation of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the names of the companies and proposals made by them;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what is the rationale behind making this offer to private companies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) A number of individuals/agencies including Non-Resident Indians, as indicated in the Statement laid on the Table of the House, (*See* below), have shown interest in establishment of broadcasting facilities or sharing time on the existing broadcasting network or to generally associate themselves with the competition in the electronic media.

(c) and (d) The Government is of the view that competition is necessary in the electronic media in order to cater to the growing information need of the country, especially, in the context of rapid technological advancement the world over.

Statement

S. No. Name of the Party

1. M/s PTI-TV Delhi
2. M/s The Observer Channel Delhi and Bombay
3. M/s Rajdhani Films (P) Ltd. New Delhi
4. M/s TEDCO International Ltd. London
5. M/s TV Programme Producers Guild of India Calcutta
6. M|s. Paradigm Media Bombay
7. M/s ATHIRSTAM Madurai
8. M/s Business India Television New Delhi
9. M/s Times Televsion New Delhi
10. M/s Asian News International New Delhi
11. M/s A.A.A. Films Motion Picture Producers, Bombay
12. M/s India Today New Delhi
13. M/s Credence Sound and Vision Ltd. Bombay
14. M/s Internews Private Ltd. New Delhi
15. M/s Yash Raj Films Bombay
16. M/s International Television Broadcasting, INC New York
17. Shri Ramanand Sagar Bombay
18. Shri Vinay Dhumale Bombay
19. M/s Eastern News & Feature Agency (P) Ltd., Calcutta
20. M/s Creative Eye Pvt. Ltd. Bombay
21. Mr. Ashok Roy Silchar
22. M/s 7th Channel Video Corporation Madras
23. M/s United News of India New Delhi
24. M/s HTV New Delhi

25. M|s Videocomp Distributors, Inc., Houston

26. M/s Nimbus Communication Pvt. Ltd. Bombay

27. M|s Asia Televisions Network, Bombay

28. M/s Anand Bazar Patrika Limited, Calcutta

29. M|s. Varan Communications Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

30. M|s. British Television, New Delhi

31. M|s Forum for Better Cinema, Bombay.

32. M|s B. R. Films, Bombay

33. M|s Innovision Communications, Bombay

34. M|s Jain Studios Ltd., New Delhi.

35. M/s Krishnaswamy Associates Pvt. Ltd., Madras

36. M/s Global Channel Dosti Communications Pvt. Ltd., Bombay

37. M/s Pothujanam TV Programme Centre, Trivandrum.

38. M|s Raj Television Network, Madras.

39. M|s Centre for Media Studios, New Delhi

40. M/s All India Economic Offences, Awarness Bureau, Hydrabad

41. M/s Cinevista Ads, Bombay.

42. M|s New Delhi Television, New Delhi.

43. M|s Janmat Dhanbad

44. M|s TV. Communications Ltd., New Delhi.

45. M|s. Vishal Productions, Bombay

46. M/s N.M. Gopalratnam, Madras

Share of MNCs in consumer items

*75. **SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational companies have a substantial share in the domestic market in consumer items like soap, tooth-paste cosmetics, detergents etc; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to restrict their capacity expansion in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Out of 88 public limited companies identified as FERA companies, M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited have a substantial share in soap industry acccunting for about 35 per cent of the total production. M/s. Union Carbide India Limited have a share of about 42 per cent of the total production of dry cells. Apart from this, no other FERA company is having a substantial share in consumer items.

(b) No Sir, except in respect of items reserved for the small scale sector and those listed for compulsory licensing in the Industrial Policy Statement of 24th July, 1991.

दूरदर्शन पर उर्दू में समाचार बुलेटिन

*76. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार दूरदर्शन पर राष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क में उर्दू में समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) अब तक उर्दू में समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?